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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEW ON SWEDISH TELEVISION

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1. IN ADDITION TO PARTS OF SADAT INTERVIEW CARRIED IN
AHAM (REFTTEL), SWEDISH TELEVISION ALSO CARRIED SEGMENT
IN WHICH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT PRAISES SECRETARY KISSINGER
WARMLY, POINTING OUT THAT INASMUCH AS EGYPTIANS AND
ISRAELIS DISTRUST EACH OTHER, "WE BOTH MUST TRUST
KISSINGER." IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ASKING HIM TO
COMPARE HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, SADAT REPLIED: "I MUST
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SAY QUITE FRANKLY THAT DR. KISSINGER AND I ARE PERSONAL

FRIENDS SINCE WE STARTED OUR NEGOTIATIONS IN NOVEMBER 1973," ADDING THAT THE SECRETARY AND HE "HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT ASIDE FROM POLITICS." REGARDING GROMYKO, SADAT SAID THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER FOR MANY YEARS, "BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME CONTEXT" AS WITH THE SECRETARY. THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HE ALWAYS RECEIVED PROMPT ANSWERS FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO HIS QUESTIONS, THIS WAS NOT TRUE IN THE CASE OF GROMYKO.

2. SINCE FAVORABLE POLITICAL COMMENT ON AN AMERICAN LEADER IS RELATIVELY UNCOMMON ON SWEDISH TV, IT IS INTERESTING THAT SEGMENT CONTAINING SADAT PRAISE OF KISSINGER WAS CARRIED LOCALLY. HOWEVER, "BALANCE" WAS ACHIEVED BY PRESENTING HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH PLO LEADER ARAFAT BEFORE SADAT INTERVIEW. ARAFAT SPENT MOST OF THE INTERVIEW HARANGUING THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.
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